ravine areas must be launched with greater vigour in order to prevent wind and water erosion.

12. The practice of shifting cultivation should be controlled in order to protect valuable forests.

13. Land use planning should be integratd with rural employment programmes in such a manner that loans and subsidies are given only for those productive activities which represent efficient land use.

14. Rights of tribals and poorer sections on common land should be protected through legal and administrative structures.

15. Stall feeding should be popularised, especially in such areas where grazing land is already degraded.

16. Special Fodder Development Programme in selective blocks should be launched together with a Livestock Development Programme. The aim should be to limit the livestock population to economically productive stock.

17. Plantations for meeting commercial and industrial needs should preferably be located far away from the habitat.

18. The Policy of supplying forest raw materials on subsidised basis to users other that the rural poor should be reviewed so that raw material is supplied at the prevailing market price, with a view to induce such users to go in far massive afforestation programmes, as also to motivate small and marginal farmers to grow forest based raw material for industry at remunerative prices.

19. The use of alternative packaging material, such as corrugated card boards, plastic bags, etc. instead of wooden packaging, must be explored and encouraged.

Payment of Dues to Retired Railway Employees

1344. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any time frame within which all the dues viz. pension, gratuity, Compulsory Group Insurance are to be paid to an employee who retires from the service; if so, the maximum time by which such dues are to be cleared;

(b) whether dues of all the Senior Loco Inspectors of Central Railways who retired from September to December, 1994 with last posting at New Delhi have been paid; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of such Inspectors whose dues have not been paid and the time by when these will be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) According to the instructions, payment of pension, gratuity etc. should be authorised to the superannuating staff on the last day of their service in all cases which are free from disciplinary proceedings and where dues against staff can be assessed and recorded.

(b) and (c) The details of payments are as under:

(1) Name of retiree:
Shri B.R. Kapoor,
Senior Loco inspector.

(2) Revised Pension @ Rs. 1,954/- p.m. vide revised Pension Payment Order dated 29.3.95.

(figures in Rupees)

(3) Non-contributory Provident Fund	1,46, 197/-
(4) Group Insurance	5,148/-
(5) Commutation	81,714/-
(6) Cash equivalent of Leave Salary	52,216/-

Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity amounting to Rs. 71,775/- has been withheld due to non-vacation of quarter. The issue regarding release of gratuity during unauthorised occupation of Railway quarters is under examination.